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FCCLA CELEBRATES 65 YEARS

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – The Kentucky [Family Career and Community Leaders of America](#) (FCCLA) will host a Capital Charter Day on Tuesday, November 23 to celebrate 65 years of FCCLA.

FCCLA was founded as Future Homemakers of America in 1945, and Kentucky was the first state to receive a charter, on November 23, 1945.

A proclamation developed by FCCLA students and signed by Gov. Steve Beshear will be presented at 11 a.m. in the Capitol Rotunda. Kentucky FCCLA members and FCCLA National Director Michael Benjamin will attend the event.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 12. Everyone is part of a family, and FCCLA is the only national Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its central focus. Since 1945, FCCLA members have been making a difference in their families, careers and communities by addressing important personal, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

More than 205,000 members in nearly 6,500 chapters are active in a network of associations in 50 states, including the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Kentucky has 5,778 FCCLA members in 175 chapters.

Chapter projects focus on a variety of youth concerns, including teen pregnancy, parenting, family relationships, substance abuse, peer pressure, environment, nutrition and fitness, teen violence, and career exploration. Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life -- planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication -- necessary in the home and workplace.